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Dear Roger:

We have continued to experience delays in receiving some issues of Togo's Journal Officiel. It appears that in some cases the delay is due to the government's intention that some issues will receive only limited distribution. However, the distribution is apparently not controlled if the issues are asked for at a later date and there are still some available. The Embassy recently received a Journal Officiel dated December 1, 1979, which carried a decree authorizing the Ministry of the Interior to administratively detain four persons as being dangerous to the public order. The names were: Ayite Satou Anani, Kossigan Kossi, Vignon Edoh, and Adjavon Ayi. The first person may be the airport commander at the time of the 1977 coup attempt, or a relation. The other three names are unknown to us. It is possible that the three unknown persons were among those announced as released political prisoners in early 1980.

Another item of interest is that the Official Journal of December 16, 1979, confirms that the two persons pardoned by Eyadema in August of 1979, Emmanuael de Souza and Kouao Sanvee, had their death sentences commuted to permanent detention (detention a perpetuite).

Sincerely,

Brian Kirkpatrick
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